

Pleasantville, Ia
50225
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Dear Nick: — I keep a record of everyone re-
porting a Snowy so any one you want
info on I can furnish it with no trouble at all.

Mr Richard W Hinkhouse, West Branch,
R. 1, Box 200 zip 52358 reported seeing a
Snowy Owl on Nov 14, 1976 (also a Bald
Eagle along the Cedar River on the same date)
I believe he was hunting and saw the bird
in a field, not along a road. That's the Cedar County one.

The Linn County Snowy was reported by
Den Miller, Kirkwood College, Cedar Rapids seen
on Nov 28-30, mentioned having a companion
along.

The Scott County one was seen by Robert
Koestner, 164 W. 6th St., Haverport 52803 on
Jan 2, 1977 and the bird was seen near Honahue.

I haven't had a single report of a Northern
Shrike nor have I seen one this year.

date? One lady reported a Loggerhead Shrike at
Yanda Id. I wrote back asking her if
she checked carefully to be sure it was
not a Northern. She assured me it was
a L. Shrike. She was the one who reported
date? the 2 Bohemian Waxwings, carefully described
wings & rusty under tail coverts. I'm sure
she is quite reliable. She & a border friend
both observed the Bohemians & the Loggerhead.

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2) Mrs Edythe Fritz wrote me and her friend Mrs De Wayne Beckfield were the observers, both in Fonda Ia, Pocahontas County.

I have reports of Pine Siskins from Flat Pohl in Carydon, there in Nov and again this Jan.

A Rufous-sided Towhee (spotted back) reported by Helen Lindrath, R#2 Waverly, 50677 in Bremer County Dec 4-11, 1976. Also Dec Mrs John Mc Gregor, R4, Mason City 50401, Cerro Gordo County, reported a Towhee Jan 1-3, 1977. I wrote asking if it was a "spotted backed" one as its been my experience that winter ones in Ia are the western, and haven't yet rec'd a reply.

Bob Moats, Conservation Officer, reported a Varied Thrush in Emmett County in Dec. —
Estherville in Emmett County, Rick Mc Geough our Cons. Officer beat me this info, says Moats is very reliable, knows his birds.

Carl Kurty of St Anthony reported 2 Short-eared Owls on Dec 24 near Gladbrook in Marshall County.

Mrs Joseph W Have, 1635 Ridge Rd, Iowa City has a Carolina Wren but I'm sure you know of it. She feeds extensively & has many species. Also Marlene Richard, R1, Ames had a Carolina Wren in Dec '76 and the Paul Felings have one, near Red Rock dam.

A L Woolfries, 410 Mechanics St, A sage observed a Pileated Woodpecker in Mitchell County Dec 27.

Mrs J H Wessman, R3, Box 124, Ames had 1 Bluebird on Jan 2-5, '77.

Jan Stravers ^{Pella} is watching 3 Ospreys every day for past week. They & a Bald Eagle spend time on the ice near